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**NEW CONTINUATION/DIVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)**

This is a request for filing a [x] continuation application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of pending Patent Application No. 09/764,059 filed on January 19, 2001, entitled SELF-OPENING SHADES AND METHODS OF USING THE SAME, by the following named inventor(s):

- (a) Full Name: Brian Edward Le Gette
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  - (d) Full Name: Ronald L. Wilson, II
- [ ] The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference.
- [ ] This application is being filed by less than all the inventors named in the prior application. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.63(d)(2), the Commissioner is requested to delete the name(s) of the following person or persons who are not inventors of the invention being claimed in this application:
- (a) Full Name:
  - (b) Full Name:
  - (c) Full Name:

1. Enclosed are:

- [ ] A copy of the originally filed U.S. Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_, entitled \_\_\_\_\_, including:  
[ ] \_\_\_\_\_ pages of description (before the claims);  
[ ] \_\_\_\_\_ pages of claims (\_\_\_\_ total claims; \_\_\_\_\_ independent claims);  
[ ] One (1) Sheet of Abstract;  
[ ] \_\_\_\_\_ sheets of drawing(s) including Figures \_\_\_\_\_; and  
[ ] executed oath or declaration (from prior application).  
[ ] Application Data Sheet

- [x] A revised prior application and a copy of the prior executed oath or declaration as filed. No new matter has been added to the revised application.
- [x] 19 pages of description (before the claims);
- [x] 6 pages of claims (23 total claims; 3 independent claims);
- [x] One (1) Sheet of Abstract;
- [x] 17 sheets of drawing(s) including Figures 1-28; and
- [x] Power to Prosecute By Assignee w/copy of Assignment (from prior application)
- [x] Preliminary Amendment
- [x] Information Disclosure Statement
- [x] Letter to Official Draftsperson with 17 sheets of formal drawings including (Figures 1-28)
- [ ] CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
- [ ] Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
- [ ] Computer Readable Form (CRF) on 3 ½" floppy disk
- [ ] Specification Sequence Listing on:
- [ ] CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- [ ] paper
- [ ] The content of the copy in computer readable form is identical to the content of the paper, CD-ROM, or CD-R copy of the Sequence Listing.
- [ ] Nonpublication Request and Certification
- [ ] Assertion of Entitlement to Small Entity Status
- [x] Check in the amount of \$375.00 for the total fee calculated below.
- [x] Return receipt postcard
- [x] Other: Recordation Form Cover Sheet and copy of Assignment (from prior application)
2. [x] Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph under "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATION" with:
- This application is a continuation application of Application No. 09/764,059 filed on January 19, 2001, entitled SELF-OPENING SHADES AND METHODS OF USING THE SAME, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference.
3. [x] Cancel in this application original claims 1-23 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

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4. The filing fee has been calculated as follows [x] and in accordance with the enclosed preliminary amendment:

	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
<b>Basic Application Fee</b>					<b>\$750.00</b>
Total Claims	1	- 20 =	0	x \$18.00	0.00
Independent Claims	1	- 3 =	0	x \$84.00	0.00
<b>If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$280.00</b>					
<b>Total Application Fee</b>					<b>750.00</b>
If an Assertion of Entitlement to Small Entity Status is enclosed, subtract 50% of Total Application Fee					<b>375.00</b>
Other fees: (specify) Recordation of Assignment Fee					<b>40.00</b>
<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>					<b>415.00</b>

- This application is being filed without a filing fee. Issuance of a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application is respectfully requested.
- A check for the total fee is attached.
- Please charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 50-1283 for the total fee. This paper is submitted in duplicate.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

5. [x] The Power in the prior application is to Cooley Godward LLP.

- [x] The Power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- [x] A copy of the Power is enclosed.
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